

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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MONTHLY SUMMARY  
OF  
BUSINESS STATISTICS  
(WITH SUPPLEMENT).

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## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

## 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts. (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1943.													
February ...	36	56	49	90	52	44	60	56	55	81	24	34	60
March ...	13	13	22	5	15	10	12	21	17	44	53	24	44
April ...	144	111	157	89	133	156	127	156	148	54	39	38	48
May ...	82	192	128	49	124	112	176	94	118	153	283	384	216
June ...	63	49	48	36	51	66	55	50	53	25	19	34	25
July ...	53	58	87	71	67	58	63	96	83	4	12	5	6
August ...	105	96	120	82	105	88	103	106	103	112	224	231	156
September ...	110	118	120	115	116	111	125	123	122	124	144	120	128
October ...	98	79	100	64	90	93	74	85	83	156	104	189	147
November ...	175	197	163	115	170	149	204	162	171	215	220	158	209
December ...	89	51	30	4	50	76	52	14	32	212	125	106	176
1944.													
January ...	95	42	13	17	45	87	42	9	28	232	119	33	178
February ...	70	78	11	112	58	83	56	11	32	29	70	12	37

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

## 2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb.† in 1942-43 and (Preliminary Estimate) 541,824,000 lb. in 1943-44.

The British Government has entered into a contract with the Commonwealth to purchase the wool clips of Australia for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10'75d. sterling or 13'4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price was increased to 12'3625d. sterling or 15'4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
July ...	86,083	80,397	67,442	83,715	86,083	80,397	67,442	83,715
August ...	217,280	191,662	128,260	105,532	303,363	272,059	195,702	189,247
September ...	276,849	269,889	180,883	158,065	580,212	541,948	376,585	347,312
October ...	290,271	288,766	195,950	173,622	870,483	830,714	572,535	520,934
November ...	168,109	166,462	159,518	128,231	1,038,592	997,176	732,053	649,165
December ...	46,775	63,866	88,943	94,774	1,085,367	1,061,042	820,996	743,939
January ...	17,462	24,821	37,213	135,652	1,102,829	1,085,863	858,209	879,591
February ...	28,676	31,461	30,274	60,931	1,131,505	1,117,324	888,483	940,522
March ...	34,609	29,000	44,208	.....	1,166,114	1,146,324	932,691	.....
April ...	37,414	43,583	40,835	.....	1,203,528	1,189,907	973,526	.....
May ...	38,423	36,173	41,491	.....	1,241,951	1,226,080	1,015,017	.....
June ...	29,758	37,597	56,745	.....	1,271,709	1,263,677	1,071,762	.....

† Excludes 14 million lb. of 1943-44 wool shorn early under zoning system.



## 3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average 1932-33	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1941-42 ... ..	4,665,000	4,303,000	55,308,000	12.9
1939-40 ... ..	4,681,000	4,381,000	76,552,000	17.5
1940-41 ... ..	4,866,000	4,454,000	23,933,000	5.4
1941-42 ... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12.2
1942-43 ... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17.0

The wheat yield for 1943-44 is estimated at 47,500,000 bushels. This estimate is subject to revision.

## 4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the seven months ended January, 1944, was 4 per cent. less than in the corresponding period last season.

Since November, 1939, the British Government has purchased under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest was 137s. 2½d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports to July, 1942, and 142s. 10d. since that date. The wholesale price for local consumption was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. on 8th June, 1938, and increased to 166s. 10d. on 6th March, 1942.

Month.	Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories).				
	Average, 1935-36 to 1937-38.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	Thousand lb.				
Year ended 30th June ...	113,010	103,683	85,116	93,775	...
Seven months ended Jan.	64,101	58,533	45,790	60,311	57,604
July ... ..	4,575	5,047	4,592	5,163	3,313
September ... ..	6,879	6,453	5,850	5,952	4,933
December ... ..	12,146	11,365	8,608	12,032	13,079
January ... ..	14,089	14,453	6,664	13,044	12,821
February ... ..	13,035	12,786	8,311	10,219	...
March ... ..	13,033	11,743	10,116	8,648	...
April ... ..	10,200	8,682	8,642	6,129	...
May ... ..	7,306	6,756	6,789	4,789	...
June ... ..	5,335	5,183	5,467	3,679	...

## 5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results, which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January ...	3,465	4,519	5,808	4,965	257	282	275	261	1,124	1,459	1,563	1,493
February ...	4,074	4,768	4,799	...	267	282	272	...	1,218	1,484	1,546	...
March ...	4,196	5,097	5,451	...	272	280	270	...	1,246	1,477	1,534	...
April ...	4,011	4,904	5,424	...	272	278	271	...	1,194	1,513	1,561	...
May ...	4,300	4,925	5,696	...	276	278	269	...	1,302	1,517	1,517	...
June ...	4,017	5,077	5,632	...	280	277	269	...	1,292	1,564	1,544	...
July ...	4,638	5,410	5,520	...	284	277	268	...	1,353	1,531	1,514	...
August ...	4,264	5,003	5,500	...	283	277	266	...	1,380	1,532	1,533	...
September ...	4,746	5,352	5,710	...	269	277	267	...	1,365	1,564	1,525	...
October ...	4,994	5,420	5,753	...	285	280	266	...	1,428	1,576	1,536	...
November ...	4,729	5,826	5,701	...	289	280	264	...	1,467	1,603	1,517	...
December ...	5,398	5,853	5,653	...	288	279	265	...	1,555	1,583	1,552	...
Average (January-December)	4,403	5,180	5,554	...	277	279	269	...	1,327	1,534	1,537	...

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20.

**6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.****(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.**

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Year.	Month of February.				December Quarter.		
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Industrial and Rural Towns.	Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.	New Buildings and Additions.	
			No. of Permits.	Value.	No. of Permits.		
1941 ...	£ 804,063	£ 73,793	500	£ 639,569	838	£ 614,748	£ 3,176,227
1942 ...	121,011	19,485	37	46,575	100	52,279	587,402
1943 ...	80,654	10,009	19	27,461	70	43,037	402,011
1944 ...	132,814	8,498	17	28,919	...	...	...

\* Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

**(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.**

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.						
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b) and Public Garages.	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.					
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Month of February—</b>	<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>						
1942	24	3	2	65	1	26	121
1943	2	5	...	64	...	10	81
1944	6	6	1	111	1	8	133
<b>Eight months ended 29th Feb.</b>							
1942	3,013	606	876	811	54	264	5,624
1943	23	22	1	677	11	190	924
1944	26	36	9	631	6	184	892
<b>December Quarter—</b>	<i>129 Industrial and Rural Towns.</i>						
1942	4	34	1	39	3	34	115
1943	6	26	1	34	5	25	97
<b>Year ended 31st December—</b>							
1942	136	384	14	107	22	151	814
1943	20	116	3	109	21	125	394

Includes (a) conversions to flats; (b) shops with dwellings attached.

**(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.**

In addition to totals for private building shown above, values of contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales were as follow:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).			
	Month of February.		Eight months ended 29th Feb.	
	1943.*	1944.	1943.*	1944.
Sydney and Suburbs ...	£000 122	£000 155	£000 1,583	£000 1,452
Remainder of State ...	133	42	1,591	505
<b>Total, New South Wales</b> ...	<b>255</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>1,957</b>

**NOTE**—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.  
\* Revised.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.  
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Million £.							
Year ended 31st December ...	192'97	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	...
January ...	14'21	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'02
February ...	15'73	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	...
March ...	15'79	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'53	19'44	...
April ...	16'83	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	...
May ...	16'87	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	...
June ...	14'98	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	...
July ...	16'23	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	...
August ...	15'29	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	...
September ...	17'45	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	...
October ...	15'66	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	...
November ...	16'93	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	...
December ...	17'00	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	...

## 8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Year ended December—								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942 ...	304	304	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943 ...	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
1943.								
January ...	25	25	— 15·3	+ 6·0	— 14·7	— 19·8	— 18·9	— 16·1
February ...	24	24	— 27·5	+ 2·2	— 17·9	— 23·0	— 22·2	— 17·2
March ...	26	27	— 14·1	— 2·4	— 9·4	— 19·5	— 18·8	— 13·9
April ...	23	23	— 16·0	— 2·3	— 16·0	— 20·0	— 18·7	— 14·4
May ...	26	26	+ 0·8	— 11·1	— 11·1	— 19·7	— 9·8	— 12·2
June ...	25	26	— 1·3	— 10·2	— 7·6	— 15·7	— 6·0	— 11·7
July ...	27	27	— 25·5	— 7·7	— 8·3	— 14·7	— 8·2	— 9·0
August ...	26	26	— 20·7	— 11·4	— 7·0	— 15·0	— 16·2	— 7·6
September ...	26	26	— 11·5	— 10·0	— 6·8	— 14·6	— 19·3	— 7·3
October ...	26	25	— 9·9	— 9·1	— 7·5	— 13·2	— 14·3	— 7·1
November ...	25	26	— 1·7	— 10·1	— 3·8	— 12·2	— 7·7	— 6·0
December ...	24	25	+ 5·4	— 12·8	— 5·3	— 11·4	— 1·6	— 5·5
1944.								
January ...	25	23	— 10·0	— 12·6	— 5·5	— 11·0	— 1·1	— 4·9

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 9. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of January.			Seven months ended 31st January.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1942 ...	2,303,670	1,461,813	841,857	15,436,247	10,277,324	5,158,923
1943 ...	2,885,093	1,820,550	1,064,543	20,162,920	14,416,303	5,746,617
1944 ...	2,821,773	1,881,380	940,393	20,543,485	15,156,255	5,387,230

\* Excluding capital charges, viz. interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,754,000 in 1942-43.

	Month of January.		Seven months ended 31st January.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1942 ...	1,472	17,747	10,720	125,252
1943 ...	1,586	20,385	11,625	136,541
1944 ...	1,439	21,282	11,512	144,409

\* Partly estimated.

## 10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

## SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of January—						
1942 ...	437,921	79,744	39,100	42,175	12,844	3,165
1943 ...	438,449	67,478	39,429	44,265	9,829	3,506
1944 ...	444,800	63,700	40,492	47,900	9,700	3,809
Seven months ended 31st January—						
1942 ...	2,925,370	476,824	262,123	248,047	57,291	18,907
1943 ...	2,956,862	364,398	264,281	288,039	53,670	22,953
1944 ...	3,013,520	274,810	275,108	306,520	43,400	24,534

\* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation which amounted to £569,000 in 1942-43.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

## 11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

## NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939. 31st August.	1942.		1943.			1944.	
		28th February.	30th June.	28th February.	30th June.	31st December.	31st January.	29th February.
Cars ...	216,633	178,806	169,916	172,735	173,188	177,245	177,771	178,299
Lorries and Vans ...	77,639	73,814	71,248	71,401	72,159	75,068	75,473	75,929
Trailers ...	6,538	7,197	6,965	6,803	6,873	7,409	7,504	7,609
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,365	1,366	1,388	1,382	1,429	1,439	1,443
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	11,602	10,538	9,964	9,641	9,842	9,870	9,934
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	5,277	4,785	4,668	4,523	4,518	4,540	4,564
Omnibuses ...	794	889	890	910	913	913	916	924
Taxi-cabs ...	1,331	1,354	1,352	1,350	1,349	1,348	1,347	1,348
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	711	708	586	610	634	607	606
Total ...	329,219	281,015	267,768	269,805	270,638	278,406	279,467	280,656

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

## Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.\*

Year.	Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries and Vans.					
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
1939-40 ...	270	314	368	344	246	333	126	145	169	127	87	110
1940-41 ...	118	128	173	163	141	163	63	64	77	69	53	70
1941-42 ...	32	44	43	38	23	26	41	43	52	61	32	25
1942-43 ...	16	21	18	12	7	19	7	4	5	2	6	8
1943-44 ...	4	6	4	5	3	5	60	64	86	94	66	74

\* Excluding trailers.

## 12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

## BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
March ...	427,964	447,310	491,816	502,810	536,795
June ...	433,029	458,155	494,884	500,451	552,044
September ...	432,795	479,485	500,125	509,332	554,227
October ...	435,573	483,148	499,804	515,228	555,450
November ...	440,335	482,837	499,614	519,375	557,140
December ...	441,934	483,875	501,253	523,920	558,381
January ...	444,522	485,854	503,346	527,733	556,775
February ...	446,927	488,362	500,449	533,597	

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

## 13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits. †	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.		
			1942.	1943.	1944.
	£		£	£	£
1932 ...	71,647,869	January ...	92,972,902	109,220,389	146,283,258
1933 ...	72,307,685	February ...	90,647,010	112,817,955	150,374,605
1934 ...	75,714,070	March ...	89,458,641	115,641,889	.....
1935 ...	77,906,402	April ...	91,110,603	115,500,011	.....
1936 ...	79,999,948	May ...	92,925,282	118,016,266	.....
1937 ...	81,952,399	June† ...	94,537,937	122,405,481	.....
1938 ...	86,015,685	July ...	97,330,938	126,688,719	.....
1939 ...	87,473,789	August ...	99,727,345	130,518,639	.....
1940 ...	82,110,900	September ...	101,385,379	134,162,891	.....
1941 ...	87,750,208	October ...	103,583,441	136,326,132	.....
1942 ...	94,537,937	November ...	104,929,899	138,328,054	.....
1943 ...	122,405,481	December ...	105,744,876	142,108,496	.....

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £14,779,460 as at 29th February, 1944, including £209,747 net receipts in February.



**14. TRADING BANKS\*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.**

December Quarter.	Deposits.	Cash in Aust.†	Treasury Bills.	Govt. and Municipal Securities.	Special Wartime Deposits with Comw'th Bank.	Advances.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	359,208	42,863	41,405	49,657	...	281,475
1941 ...	379,272	44,807	46,012	62,313	2,625	277,977
1942 ...	419,427	50,626	58,300	60,103	54,570	249,631
1943 ...	487,979	40,011	61,404	79,037	124,547	235,507

\* Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

**15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).**

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

December Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Total.		
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 ...	67,682	65,957	133,639	115,434	18,205
1941 ...	76,432	65,856	142,288	113,565	28,723
1942 ...	91,676	61,909	153,585	102,043	51,542
1943 ...	111,460	69,116	180,576	91,120	89,456

**16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).**

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	67.5	66.5	82.7	90.3	92.0	106.7	107.5	97	98	110	117	123	136	150
February ...	75.6	75.5	88.9	82.0	97.1	105.7	121.2	96	96	110	114	123	139	147
March ...	82.6	80.5	87.8	89.4	102.6	123.4	...	95	93	107	110	119	138	...
April ...	75.7	70.7	84.3	86.9	95.4	125.3	...	102	98	111	111	125	150	...
May ...	82.9	82.0	90.2	106.3	98.9	123.0	...	103	100	111	117	125	155	...
June ...	86.8	80.3	94.5	97.4	116.6	132.6	...	106	101	115	123	133	163	...
July ...	70.5	71.2	94.6	98.9	99.7	114.3	...	101	98	116	125	130	155	...
August ...	72.9	74.9	83.6	87.0	99.0	122.7	...	101	99	118	123	135	160	...
September ...	77.6	74.9	84.5	94.9	105.6	116.5	...	99	99	117	124	134	155	...
October ...	79.5	78.0	90.1	101.8	115.0	115.5	...	101	100	113	123	138	152	...
November ...	82.7	86.1	93.5	99.6	105.0	129.3	...	102	102	114	124	135	149	...
December ...	88.1	91.7	100.1	104.9	121.6	127.3	...	102	106	115	124	136	150	...
Year ...	942.4	932.3	1074.8	1139.4	1248.5	1442.3	...	101	100	113	120	131	151	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1937 ... ..	5'3	5'0	3'44	3'75	3'84	...	...
1938 ... ..	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'73	...	...
1939 ... ..	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940 ... ..	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941 ... ..	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.		
1942 ... ..	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'47	3'23
1943 ... ..	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'45	3'24
Months—			2'43	2'72	2'96	2'48	3'23
1943—March ...	5'1	4'8	2'39	2'70	2'93	2'47	3'23
June ... ..	5'1	4'8	2'37	2'75	2'95	2'48	3'24
September ...	5'0	4'5	2'38	2'69	2'94	2'47	3'23
November ...	5'0	4'6	2'36	2'77	3'08	2'48	3'24
December ...	5'0	4'5	2'36	2'77	3'02	2'48	3'24
1944—January ...	5'0	4'5	2'36	2'75	3'04	2'47	3'24
February ...	5'0	4'5	2'36	2'70	3'00	2'48	3'24

\* Average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

## 18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.					Amount of Mortgages.*				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
	Thousand £.									
January ... ..	1,884	2,383	2,815	1,226	1,090	1,480	1,148	916	595	383
February ... ..	2,524	2,557	2,472	1,294	1,506	1,428	1,329	975	390	611
March ... ..	2,464	2,677	2,083	1,550	1,552	1,686	1,320	996	503	663
April ... ..	2,392	2,574	2,276	1,517	...	1,560	1,305	891	536	...
May ... ..	2,908	2,835	1,154	1,185	...	1,449	1,324	526	381	...
June ... ..	2,464	3,029	1,266	1,358	...	1,305	1,273	599	400	...
July ... ..	3,217	3,165	1,540	1,783	...	1,748	1,470	622	399	...
August ... ..	2,259	2,545	1,671	1,379	...	1,099	1,213	451	450	...
September ...	3,149	2,941	1,616	1,551	...	1,240	1,571	516	432	...
October ... ..	2,885	3,013	1,514	1,549	...	1,144	1,413	423	618	...
November ...	2,430	2,548	1,942	1,558	...	1,259	1,022	530	558	...
December ...	2,477	2,972	1,260	1,592	...	1,099	1,242	562	494	...
Year ... ..	31,053	33,239	21,609	17,542	...	16,497	15,630	8,007	5,756	...

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

## 19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of February.			Two months ended 29th February.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941 ... ..	443,530	332,729	108,931	721,437	607,353	178,354
1942 ... ..	301,732	253,145	70,919	414,573	495,840	155,040
1943 ... ..	123,366	235,052	53,914	217,754	387,413	165,304
1944 ... ..	153,815	112,626	40,540	200,596	191,655	89,378

see note under Table 18. \* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.



## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

## 20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The table shown below has been compiled from returns made by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax, which came into operation in July, 1941, and comparative figures for June, 1933, and July, 1939, have been inserted where possible.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.)			Total Employees in Factories.	Pay-roll Tax Returns—Employees recorded on last pay-roll of month by—				
	Government (Commonwealth, State, Local and Allied).	Private Employers.	Total.		Employers whose principal activity was—				
					Mining and Quarrying.	Building and Construction.	Transport.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
	(d)	(d)	(d)	(b) (d)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
MALES. (Thousands.)									
1933—June	103.2	275.7	378.9	94.5	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	136.5	393.4	529.9	158.8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	141.5	404.8	546.3	202.1	21.7	20.5	77.7	31.9	50.5
Nov.	144.3	411.1	555.4	210.5	21.7	19.3	81.4	32.1	51.6
1942—July	158.6	376.0	534.6	213.3	21.2	17.2	85.1	24.9	42.6
Dec.	154.5	375.4	529.9	215.7	20.7	15.4	84.7	24.6	41.3
1943—Jan.	155.6	375.1	530.7	216.6	20.8	15.9	84.8	23.3	41.2
Feb.	156.7	372.7	529.4	217.2	20.5	17.1	85.0	23.0	41.3
Mar.	156.2	372.1	528.3	218.4	20.5	17.0	84.7	22.6	40.1
Apr.	156.6	368.6	525.2	219.1	19.7	16.7	84.9	22.5	39.1
May	156.5	367.5	524.0	219.0	20.8	16.7	84.7	22.3	38.8
June	155.8	367.9	523.7	218.9	21.0	16.6	84.9	22.3	38.7
July	156.6	365.4	522.0	217.4	20.9	15.9	85.0	22.2	38.4
Aug.	155.9	364.9	520.8	217.5	20.9	16.4	85.0	22.0	38.9
Sept.	155.0	365.0	520.0	217.8	20.9	15.7	84.9	21.9	38.6
Oct.	154.9	364.9	519.8	217.9	20.9	15.3	85.0	21.8	38.6
Nov.	153.9	366.2	520.1	218.0	20.8	14.9	85.1	21.8	39.0
Dec.	152.6	369.2	521.8	217.3	20.5	14.1	84.8	23.0	38.7
1944—Jan.	152.5	369.6	522.1	217.9	20.4	14.4	85.1	22.0	39.3
FEMALES. (Thousands.)									
1933—June	16.8	101.8	118.6	36.3	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	19.4	148.6	168.0	59.3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	21.7	192.4	214.1	76.0	0.2	0.5	3.2	31.8	19.8
Nov.	23.0	201.5	224.5	80.7	0.2	0.5	3.6	33.8	21.6
1942—July	29.3	203.6	232.9	84.8	0.2	0.5	4.1	32.1	22.8
Dec.	35.1	208.9	244.0	91.1	0.2	0.5	4.9	32.9	23.1
1943—Jan.	36.4	206.2	242.6	90.4	0.2	0.5	5.2	31.5	23.3
Feb.	37.2	207.3	244.5	91.4	0.2	0.5	5.4	30.9	23.5
Mar.	38.7	207.8	246.5	92.6	0.2	0.5	5.5	30.8	23.0
Apr.	39.8	208.1	247.9	93.8	0.2	0.5	5.6	30.5	23.2
May	41.0	206.0	247.0	93.9	0.2	0.5	5.7	30.2	22.9
June	42.9	206.8	249.7	94.6	0.2	0.5	5.8	30.3	22.8
July	45.8	204.1	249.9	94.6	0.2	0.5	5.8	29.8	22.6
Aug.	46.5	205.0	251.5	95.3	0.2	0.5	5.9	29.5	22.9
Sept.	46.7	206.5	253.2	96.4	0.2	0.5	6.0	29.3	22.9
Oct.	46.8	207.9	254.7	96.5	0.2	0.5	6.1	29.4	23.0
Nov.	47.0	208.3	255.3	96.2	0.2	0.5	6.2	29.6	22.9
Dec.	46.4	210.0	256.4	95.5	0.2	0.5	6.3	31.2	22.9
1944—Jan.	46.6	205.5	252.1	93.3	0.2	0.5	6.1	29.2	22.7
TOTAL. (Thousands.)									
1933—June	120.0	377.5	497.5	130.8	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July	155.9	542.0	697.9	218.1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July	163.2	597.2	760.4	278.1	21.9	21.0	80.9	63.7	70.3
Nov.	167.3	612.6	779.9	291.2	21.9	19.8	85.0	65.9	73.2
1942—July	187.9	579.6	767.5	298.1	21.4	17.7	89.2	57.0	65.4
Dec.	189.6	584.3	773.9	306.8	20.9	15.9	89.6	57.5	64.4
1943—Jan.	192.0	581.3	773.3	307.0	21.0	16.4	90.0	54.8	64.5
Feb.	193.9	580.0	773.9	308.6	20.7	17.6	90.4	53.9	64.8
Mar.	194.9	579.9	774.8	311.0	20.7	17.5	90.2	53.4	63.1
Apr.	196.4	576.7	773.1	312.9	19.9	17.2	90.5	53.0	62.3
May	197.5	574.4	771.9	312.9	21.0	17.2	90.4	52.5	61.7
June	198.7	574.7	773.4	313.5	21.2	17.1	90.7	52.6	61.5
July	202.4	569.5	771.9	312.0	21.1	16.4	90.8	52.0	61.0
Aug.	202.4	569.9	772.3	312.8	21.1	16.9	90.9	51.5	61.8
Sept.	201.7	571.5	773.2	314.2	21.1	16.2	90.9	51.2	61.5
Oct.	201.7	572.8	774.5	314.4	21.1	15.8	91.1	51.2	61.6
Nov.	200.9	574.5	775.4	314.2	21.0	15.4	91.3	51.4	61.9
Dec.	199.0	579.2	778.2	312.8	20.7	14.6	91.1	54.2	61.6
1944—Jan.	199.1	575.1	774.2	311.2	20.6	14.9	91.2	51.2	62.0

(a) Estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment defined as "persons occupied as wage and salary earners" as distinct from "equivalent of full time employment." Employees absent in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government relief workers are excluded.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers for July, 1943, and later months are subject to revision.

(c) The numbers in columns marked (c) are the total employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of employers who pay more than £20 per week in wages. Commonwealth Government employees are not included. Employees of State, semi-Government, and Local Government authorities are included in the appropriate industry column when separate returns are supplied, e.g., Railway Commissioner. These group totals are useful as indicating trend, but do not indicate the actual number of employees in the industries named.

(d) Numbers for July, 1939, and from July, 1941, to December, 1943, have been revised since last issue.

## 21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1934.	1936.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
January ...	100	103	93	100	110	119	125	136	141	141	164	155
February ...	100	105	95	100	112	122	125	135	142	145	159	161
March ...	100	102	95	99	111	121	130	130	143	146	164	...
April ...	100	104	96	101	110	119	125	137	141	147	164	...
May ...	100	106	95	100	110	122	128	128	146	144	166	...
June ...	100	103	99	103	114	127	131	135	150	154	174	...
July ...	100	105	97	100	112	126	134	139	149	158	171	...
August ...	100	106	97	103	107	128	135	137	151	157	181	...
September ...	100	108	97	101	113	123	134	134	151	158	171	...
October ...	100	109	96	104	113	121	135	137	154	163	162	...
November ...	100	109	97	104	116	124	136	139	152	161	164	...
December ...	100	105	99	106	116	124	131	138	153	165	163	...
Year ...	100	105	96	102	112	123	131	135	148	154	167	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

## 22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—March ...	1,005	1,045	1,211	1,085	1,070	14'7
June ...	1,034	1,043	1,279	1,089	1,096	17'5
September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
December ...	1,060	1,042	1,382	1,140	1,138	22'0
1943—March ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,179	1,143	22'5

## 23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

YEAR.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	Quarterly adjustment commencing—							
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	Nov ember
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ... ..	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ... ..	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ... ..	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ... ..	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ... ..	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ... ..	99 0	...	...	...	97 0	...	...	...

\* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

## 24. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1929 ... ..	2	0·57	21	14 5	25	19 5	200	11 5	4	4 11
1938 ... ..	2	0·14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 2
1939 ... ..	2	1·42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ... ..	2	2·95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ... ..	2	4·26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ... ..	2	4·66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ... ..	2	4·63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1943—September...	2	4·63	24	3 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
October ... ..	2	4·63	26	11 3	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
November ... ..	2	4·63	24	19 8	31	16 7	283	1 6	10	9 0
December ... ..	2	4·63	24	16 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944—January ... ..	2	4·63	25	1 6	22	0 6	283	1 6	10	9 0

## 25. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929 \$	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
Sept., 1931 \$	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
Mar., 1937 \$	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1943—Feb. ...	232·3	179·0	136·5	133·5	250·6	177·2	195·2
March...	233·8	180·3	138·1	133·2	251·1	178·4	195·6
June ...	234·7	177·8	141·3	132·8	254·1	179·7	196·2
July ...	235·4	181·4	143·2	133·0	254·1	181·0	197·6
August	235·7	189·2	145·2	133·1	254·1	182·7	198·9
Sept. ...	236·1	191·8	145·4	134·0	254·1	183·7	199·9
Oct. ...	236·5	192·8	146·6	134·3	254·1	184·3	200·3
Nov. ...	236·7	193·9	147·8	135·3	254·1	184·9	200·5
Dec. ...	236·9	193·8	148·2	135·0	254·1	185·2	200·4
1944—Jan. ...	237·1	193·8	148·3	135·0	254·1	185·4	200·4
Feb. ...	237·0	193·8	149·3	135·0	254·1	185·6	200·6

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. \$ The highest point of the index, prior to the slump, was reached in April, 1929, the lowest in September, 1931, and the highest point in March, 1937.

The population of N.S.W. at 30th September, 1943, was 2,867,165 or 39·6 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1941, 1,337,050).

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31st March, 1944.

## SUPPLEMENT.

## 1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages—Years 1939 to 1943.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year (a).	Live Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Mean Population.			Infantile Mortality. Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.
			Total.	Under 1 year.		Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1939.....	2,764,782	48,003	26,815	1,969	25,471	17.46	9.75	9.27	41.0
1940.....	2,789,123	49,382	26,143	1,927	30,364	17.79	9.42	10.94	39.0
1941.....	2,812,321	51,729	27,300	2,264	29,983	18.48	9.75	10.71	43.8
1942.....	2,848,574	52,647	(b) 29,219	2,115	34,533	18.60	10.32	12.20	40.2
1943.....	(c) 2,867,165	57,265	(b) 28,870	2,061	26,302	20.03(d)	10.10(d)	9.20(d)	36.0

(a) Including persons enlisted in armed forces wherever located.

(b) Civilians only.

(c) 30th September.

(d) Preliminary.

## 2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939-1943.

Year.	Metropolis.				Remainder of State.			
	Quarter ended—				Quarter ended—			
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939 ... ..	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770
1940 ... ..	4,271	4,363	4,770	5,172	2,938	2,781	3,133	2,936
1941 ... ..	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061
1942 ... ..	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849
1943 ... ..	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223

## 3. New Dwellings—Permits Issued by Local Councils and Government Contracts Let—Years 1942 and 1943.

	1942.		1943.	
	No.*	Value.	No.*	Value.
Private Dwellings—		£		£
Metropolis ... ..	265	212,838	103	33,844
129 Country Towns ... ..	813	457,113	258	76,856
7 Shires adjacent to Metropolis ... ..	390	198,261	148	46,840
Total ... ..	1,468	868,212	509	157,540
Net Total (after deducting demolitions, etc.)	1,332	.....	397	.....
Government Dwellings—				
Metropolis ... ..	1	1,347	2	1,375
Remainder of State ... ..	869	348,325	339	125,283
Total Contracts Let ... ..	870	349,672	341	126,658
Total New Dwellings—				
Private and Government ... ..	2,202	1,217,884	738	284,298

\*Private dwellings include flat units, new and converted, and dwellings attached to shops; Government dwellings include temporary (duration of war) houses.

#### 4. Permits Issued by Councils to erect New Buildings, Alterations and Additions—Value in Divisions—Years 1942 and 1943.

Statistical Division.	1942.				1943.			
	Dwellings.*	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.	Dwellings.*	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
City of Sydney ... ..	12	65	194	271	11	128	109	248
Suburbs—								
Inner Industrial ... ..	8	439	13	460	10	520	5	535
Illawarra-Bankstown ...	118	34	26	178	39	60	23	122
Inner Western ... ..	17	130	15	162	7	91	17	115
Outer Western ... ..	8	153	14	175	9	158	16	183
Northern ... ..	85	62	29	176	20	38	39	97
Eastern ... ..	20	...	4	24	10	1	50	61
Total (Sydney and Suburbs).	268	883	295	1,446	106	996	259	1,361
129 Country Towns (distributed according to Statistical Division).								
Statistical Division—								
County Cumberland (outside Metropolitan Area).	52	4	7	63	24	5	10	39
North Coast ... ..	34	5	6	45	9	4	8	21
Hunter and Manning ...	100	68	26	194	51	35	53	139
South Coast ... ..	98	15	16	129	19	41	13	73
Northern Tableland ...	19	3	2	24	3	...	2	5
Central Tableland ... ..	134	1	17	152	12	...	4	16
Southern Tableland ...	13	1	34	48	6	9	2	17
North-Western Slope ...	15	7	6	28	6	7	2	15
Central Western Slope ...	22	1	5	28	3	...	4	7
South-Western Slope ...	37	2	9	48	5	7	19	31
Other Divisions† ... ..	33	...	22	55	22	1	8	31
Total (129 Towns)	557	107	150	814	160	109	125	394
Seven Shires adjacent to Metropolis ... ..	218	14	33	265	68	20	26	114

\* Individual houses, guest houses, etc., flats and shops with dwellings.

† Central Plains, Riverina and Western Division.

#### 5. Private Building Permits Issued and Government Building Contracts Let—Total Value—Years 1939 to 1943.

Year.	Metropolis.	129 Country Towns.	Seven Shires Adjacent to Metropolis.	Total Value of Private Building Permits.	Government Contracts Let.	Total Value of Government and Private Building.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 ... ..	12,220	4,261	1,101	17,582	1,065*	.....
1940 ... ..	11,718	3,744	1,143	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 ... ..	10,847	3,422	1,336	15,605	4,619	20,224
1942 ... ..	1,446	814	265	2,525	4,476	7,001
1943 ... ..	1,361	394	114	1,869	4,320	6,189

\* July to December.

#### 6. Government and Private Factories—Years 1938-39 to 1942-43.

Year ended 30th June.	Government Factories.*				Private Factories.			
	Establishments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †	Establishments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †
	No.	No.	£000	£000	No.	No.	£000	£000
1939 ... ..	72	16,206	4,098	5,618	9,392	215,594	40,508	84,648
1940 ... ..	72	17,226	4,529	6,310	9,386	222,126	43,164	90,299
1941 ... ..	78	21,230	5,999	8,118	9,841	246,650	51,761	106,926
1942 ... ..	118	28,411	9,244	12,084	10,048	273,709	66,514	126,706
1943 ... ..	140	37,602	13,016	16,443	9,970	280,715	75,884	137,139

\* Factories and workshops owned and operated by State and Commonwealth Governments (including railway workshops, printing offices, munition factories, etc., but excluding annexes operated by private companies on behalf of the Government).

† Before deducting depreciation and various overhead charges.

‡ Average during period of operation, including working proprietors.



## 7. Factories—Years ended June, 1939 to 1943.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Establishments	9,464	9,458	9,919	10,166	10,110
Persons Employed, Average*—					
Males	167,172	172,259	194,194	216,856	223,669
Females	61,609	64,715	71,557	81,389	91,865
Total	228,781	236,974	265,751	298,245	315,534
Proportion Percentage of Each Sex Employed—					
Males	73.07	72.69	73.07	72.71	70.89
Females	26.93	27.31	26.93	27.29	29.11
Book Value of—	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Land, Buildings	57,354	58,939	61,887	65,016	72,623
Plant and Machinery	62,693	64,802	68,533	70,612	73,122
Value of Materials used and Fuel Consumed	128,153	142,589	170,873	200,698	219,907
Output	218,419	239,199	285,917	339,488	373,489
Production (Value added to Raw Materials)	90,266	96,609	115,044	138,790	153,582
Salaries and Wages Paid†—					
Males	38,272	40,808	49,540	64,850	74,554
Females	6,334	6,885	8,220	10,908	14,346
Total	44,606	47,693	57,760	75,758	88,900
Average Salary and Wages—	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Males	238 15	247 0	265 5	309 14	344 14
Females	103 13	107 4	115 16	134 19	157 5
Total	201 13	207 17	224 1	261 0	289 2

\* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## 8. Factories—Classes of Industry, 1942-43.

Class of Industry.	No. of Establishments.	Persons Employed.*	Salaries and Wages Paid.†	Value of Materials Used and Fuel and Power Consumed.	Value of Output.	Value of Production.‡
Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products.	146	3,705	£000 1,221	£000 4,155	£000 6,694	£000 2,539
Bricks, Pottery and Glass, etc.	156	6,124	1,829	1,867	4,569	2,702
Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint, Oil and Grease.	375	11,278	2,999	13,378	22,637	9,259
Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances.	2,913	158,113	51,554	98,470	172,797	74,327
Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	87	771	171	190	506	316
Textiles and Textile Goods (not Dress).	244	21,366	4,302	12,956	20,581	7,625
Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear).	240	5,438	1,445	4,752	7,123	2,371
Clothing	1,754	31,637	5,578	11,674	20,806	9,132
Food, Drink and Tobacco	1,752	32,212	7,971	46,826	67,156	20,330
Woodworking and Basketware	955	11,998	3,114	6,794	11,793	4,999
Furniture, Bedding, etc.	284	4,035	1,026	2,112	3,800	1,688
Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, etc.	660	15,380	3,890	7,240	14,695	7,455
Rubber	95	3,489	1,009	3,319	4,672	1,353
Musical Instruments	14	277	70	67	188	121
Miscellaneous	297	5,994	1,391	1,886	4,091	2,205
Heat, Light and Power	138	3,717	1,330	4,221	11,381	7,160
Total	10,110	315,534	88,900	219,907	373,489	153,582

\* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding drawings by working proprietors.

‡ Value of output at factory less value of materials and fuel used.

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8. Factorial, Class of Ind. 1939